

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

### A LABOR DAY ROMANCE

[Original.]  
Reginald Atwater was what the girls call a catch. Thirty years old, strong and hearty, fairly good looking, he possessed \$400,000 in his own right. The nearest girl to the prize was Marian Wyman. Marian and her mother possessed just enough income to enable them to move in the best society, to belong to the country club and to return their invitations by an occasional afternoon tea.

Atwater, during July and August, had been flirting about very much to the distress of Marian Wyman, who looked upon his freedom as she would upon that of an escaped canary, thinking that he might at any time be snared by some impecunious fortune hunter. She breathed more freely when he returned to his home and spent his time with her either on her piazza or on that of the club. This it must be admitted was because most of those with whom he was intimate were still in the country.

Miss Wyman had not discovered the art of pleasing a man. She made the fatal mistake of attempting to make herself pleasing, whereas she should have made the man pleasing, not to her, but to himself. She overran her slender income by buying articles of dress she could not afford; she sought to convince Atwater of her common sense, her prudence, her wit—in short, all the accomplishments that may be considered desirable in a wife.

At this fall end of the outing season—that is, for people of moderate incomes—during the short period prior to Atwater's departure for his hunting club, Miss Wyman was very much put out by the appearance of a country cousin, Miss Lucy Trimble. The Wyman were under pecuniary obligations to Miss Trimble's father, Mrs. Wyman's brother, for a temporary loan which was now of five years' standing, and invited Lucy to be with them for a fortnight's annual visit in lieu of interest. She had been invited for the last two weeks in July, when Atwater was at home, but for some reason had deferred her visit till the last of September. Her coming halved the hours Miss Wyman could spend with Mr. Atwater because she knew he would not countenance her showing aside a guest.

What was deficient as an art in the one was present naturally in the other. Lucy Trimble had never met so grand a man as Atwater. She sat in his presence like the timid little mouse she was, her eyes fixed on him in admiration and wonder. He never made a remark but she fancied it must contain something of profundity. She did not talk to him, but listened with the deepest interest to what he said, her only remarks being sincere expressions of admiration for his learning, his er-

satility. Atwater had been looking all his life for some one to appreciate him as he appreciated himself. Here was a simple country girl who not only had discovered what others had failed to discover, but was sufficiently ingenious not to be able to conceal her appreciation for him.

"Oh, Mr. Atwater," she said, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself to be content with society and hunting when you would so shine in any profession! Who knows but you might be president?"

Atwater laughed, but he was delighted. He had often thought of taking up politics, but refrained from doing so because the country gentlemen of America do not run for congress as those of Great Britain stand for parliament. He was delighted with Miss Trimble and considered how he could repay her for her appreciation.

"I have it," he said after a great deal of thought. "I'll invite Mrs. Wyman and Marian and this little chicken to go down to the seashore for over Labor day. I'll ask my chum, Bob Allison, to be of the party to make it even between us young ones, while Mrs. Wyman can be chaperon."

From Friday afternoon till Wednesday morning the party enjoyed bathing, lounging on the beach, hops, and Lucy Trimble, who had never seen the sea, was simply delighted.

The outing was ended. The party were at the station waiting for the last train to go to the city that day of the party would have waited for a later one. Suddenly Lucy Trimble put her hand to her belt and announced that she had left her watch at the hotel. There remained fifteen minutes before train time, and Atwater offered to go and get the watch. Lucy declared that she alone could find it. The two went together. They found the watch and started to return to the station. The train came along and the others, seeing them within a short distance, got aboard. The train moved out and the party waited expecting to see the two missing ones come in from the last car. When some time had passed and they did not appear Miss Wyman suggested to Mr. Allison that he had better go back and see if they had got on. To this Mr. Allison demurred, stating that he did not propose to interrupt a tête-à-tête. When the train reached the city it was discovered that the missing ones were not aboard. Mrs. Wyman proposed to return, but there was no train to go on till morning.

Of course when Mr. Atwater and Lucy Trimble returned they were mad and wife. There could be no other result without the girl's disgrace. Mrs. Wyman always spoke of the matter as a deplorable accident. Mr. Allison at first intended to tell the story, but Mr. Atwater said: "I must admit the little mixup played it beautifully." Atwater says that he is rejoiced that an accident should have given him such an adorable wife.

JACQUELINE EASTWOOD.

## TO DROP GROUT'S NAME

New York Republicans Think They Can Amend City Ticket.

PRESIDENT FORNES TO GO TOO

Action of Democratic Municipal Convention Causes Political Pot to Boil Over—Rumor of a Bolt of Kings County Democracy.

New York, Oct. 2.—The action of Tammany Hall in nominating Edward M. Grout and Charles V. Fornes for comptroller and president of the board of aldermen respectively on the city ticket headed by George B. McClellan has left the local political situation in a decidedly chaotic condition. It is asserted in many quarters that the Kings county Democracy, which fought the nomination of Grout and Fornes to the last ditch, will bolt this part of the ticket and will run Julian D. Fairchild for comptroller and Herman Metz for president of the board of aldermen, though Leader Murphy professes to believe there is no probability of a Brooklyn revolt.

The Republican city convention will reassemble probably next Wednesday, resuming its action in nominating Grout



EDWARD M. GROUT.

and Fornes and name new candidates for comptroller and president of the board of aldermen. That much has been practically decided, but the formal announcement will not be made until the Citizens' Union has acted. Mr. Linn Bruce, president of the Republic an county committee, said:

"It is absolutely certain that the Republican convention can reassemble legally and take whatever action it pleases. What will be done I cannot say yet. The Citizens' Union will act first."

R. Fulton Cutting was at Citizens Union headquarters. He said: "The city committee will immediately decide whether to hold another city convention. The committee cannot remove candidates from the ticket or name new ones. All it can do is to call the convention. The convention alone has the power to deal with the ticket."

Will Be Dropped by Citizens' Union. It is understood that the Citizens' Union convention will be held next Monday or Tuesday. There is no doubt whatever that Grout and Fornes will be dropped. Their letters to Mr. Cutting are regarded by all the Citizens' Union leaders as defiance. The leaders are already looking around for candidates to take their places—a Brooklyn man for comptroller and a Manhattan independent Democrat for president of the board of aldermen.

The Republican managers have received several legal opinions to the effect that the city convention that nominated Grout and Fornes is still in existence and can rescind its action. The points on which the opinions were given are: First, that the minutes of the convention filed at the bureau of elections were not properly certified, as they were not signed by the officers of the convention; second, that the convention adjourned subject to the call of the chair and did not adjourn sine die, as has been asserted; third, that a convention, like any other deliberative body, has a right to correct its minutes.

The programme arranged is as follows: When the convention reassembles a motion will be made to correct the minutes so that they will read that at the last meeting an adjournment was taken "subject to the call of the chair." Then a resolution will be passed rescinding the nominations of Grout and Fornes and new candidates will be nominated. The new ticket must be filed at the bureau of elections by next Friday. If Grout institutes legal proceedings to keep his name on the ticket every effort will be made to secure a quick decision.

Massachusetts Republicans Convene.

Boston, Oct. 2.—The Republicans of Massachusetts have met here to nominate their state ticket and to adopt a platform for the coming campaign. The assembly was large, the quota of delegates from all parts of the state being well filled. The proceedings, anticipated as far as possible by the Republican state committee, promised a smooth and expeditious transaction of business, and the unanimous renomination of Governor John L. Bates, Lieutenant Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., and the remainder of the present list of state officers was assured.

## COBBIN TO COMMAND EAST.

Most Important Military Department Given to Adjutant General.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Major General Corbin, adjutant general of the army is to be assigned to the command of the department of the east, with headquarters at Governors Island, New York. The order for General Corbin to assume command of this department will take effect at once.

An order also has been prepared in the war department directing General Chaffee, now commanding the department of the east, to take station in the



MAJOR GENERAL CORBIN.

war department for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the duties of chief of staff, which he will become when General Young retires in January.

In explanation of the transfer of these two officers General S. B. M. Young, chief of staff, has issued the following statement:

"With a view to enable Major General Chaffee to become familiar with the duties vested by law in the chief of staff and to ascertain the present condition of the military establishment before entering upon their active performance, the president has directed that he be ordered to duty in the war department as assistant to the chief of staff and that Major General Corbin be assigned to command the department of the east."

"This assignment, which is in accordance with the wishes of General Corbin, is intended as a recognition of the eminent services rendered by him in the important office of adjutant general during the war with Spain and the subsequent operations in China and the Philippine Islands and is made with a view to obtaining the benefit of his great administrative and executive ability in the command of the largest and most important military department in the United States. Advantage will be taken of the assignment to secure the close, harmonious and intelligent co-operation of officers commanding troops in carrying into effect the new methods of administration which have been made necessary by the establishment of a general staff."

## TWENTY HURT IN WRECK.

Disastrous Head On Collision on the Southern Pacific.

Beowee, Nev., Oct. 2.—A disastrous head on collision has occurred on the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific at this station. The first section of the Atlantic express from San Francisco collided with a freight train. Allen Harper of Peacottville, Ida., was killed and twenty persons were injured. Among the injured were James McArthur, 307 North Fourth street, Harrison, N. J., left hand sprained and bruised; Comfort, Lamborg, Pa., right arm fractured in two places, extensive laceration of the entire right hand, amputation necessary; Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge, Bridgeport, Conn., severe sprain of the back and lower muscles of the abdomen.

Relief trains were sent to the scene of the wreck from Winnemucca and Carlin carrying doctors. Among the passengers on the train were a doctor and a trained nurse and two discharged soldiers. The latter had served in the hospital corps in the Philippines. They rendered great service to the injured before the arrival of other medical assistance.

## Serious Riot in Berlin.

Berlin, Oct. 2.—Thirty persons suffering from saber cuts have applied at the Red Cross stations to have their wounds dressed after a riot between cannibal strikers and nonunionists in Nettlebe square here. The police on foot charged the rioters with drawn swords, and finally mounted police cleared the streets. The strike is a small one, only about 1,000 men being engaged, but the men are illiberal and violent.

## Bad Floods in Texas.

Brownwood, Tex., Oct. 2.—Much damage has been done by a rise in the river here. No trains are running over the Santa Fe or Frisco, washouts having occurred at several points. Dr. J. B. Pontecost, who was driving to his home at Glencove with his family in his buggy, got into a swollen creek, and Mrs. Pontecost and one child were drowned. The doctor barely saved himself and the other child.

## Mere Fever at Laredo.

Laredo, Tex., Oct. 2.—Developments in the yellow fever situation show conditions less favorable. The official report says: New cases, 6; suspicious cases, 2; cases previously reported, 30; fatal cases to date, 45; total deaths, 3. United States Vice Consul J. P. Kimball at Nuevo Laredo is still ill with the fever.



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## CONDITION OF TRADE

Commercial Circles Not Disturbed by Collapse in Stocks.

## RAILWAY EARNINGS HEAVY

Exceed Those of Same Period of Last Year by Eight Per Cent. Cereals Firm—Flourrose For Nine Months.

New York, Oct. 2.—A week of favorable weather for the maturity and harvesting of crops has done much to relieve a somewhat complicated situation, and it is also encouraging to find that another collapse in the stock market produced no disturbance in financial or commercial circles. Early in the week the average of the sixty leading railway stocks was \$34 a share below the high point a year ago. Such a shrinkage in market values would have caused general demoralization had not the business of the country been established on a remarkably sound foundation. These losses restrict industrial expansion to a certain extent, especially as funds cannot be secured at less than the legal maximum limit. The short interest in the cotton market and the slow movement of a late crop made it possible for the controlling interest to advance prices \$10 a bale until the close of September, when a return to normal prices occurred.

Aside from the reduction in blast furnace activity, manufacturing plants are more fully engaged, and several encouraging reports are received, particularly as to footwear. Wholesale and jobbing trade is well maintained many cities reporting a larger volume than last year, and business at Chicago is stimulated by the multitude attending the centennial. Latest returns of foreign commerce at this port are favorable, exports increasing, while imports decrease as compared with the same week last year. Railway earnings thus far available for September exceed those of 1902 by 8.4 per cent and surpass earnings in 1904 by 19.3 per cent. Bank exchanges at New York for the week were 25.1 per cent smaller than last year, while at other leading cities there was little or no change.

## Wheat and Corn Steady.

Narrow fluctuations marked the course of grain, wheat showing no weakness in response to the idle mills at Minneapolis, while the movement of corn indicated that farmers were not eager to sell at current prices. Interior receipts of corn were 4,778,311 bushels for the week against 1,785,072 last year and Atlantic coast exports of 860,130 bushels compared with 349,834 a year ago. Arrivals of wheat were only 7,128,481 bushels against 8,843,749 last year and exports from the United States, flour included, were 3,017,752 bushels compared with 7,803,472 in 1902.



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## TRIED TO SAVE VAN WORMERS.

Forged Telegram Sent to Warden of Clinton Prison.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Forgery of the official title of the head of the nation figures in an attempt made to save the three Van Wormer boys from the death chair at Dannemora prison. Less than half an hour before the time set for the execution Warden Deyo received the following telegram dated West Point Station, Oct. 1: "The Van Wormer boys must not be executed. A stay has been granted." The telegram was signed "By order of the president of the United States."

Warden Deyo at once consulted with some of the witnesses present and concluded that the message was a forgery sent for the purpose of delaying the execution beyond the official day.

## Seven Months' Lockout Ends.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—After a lockout of over seven months the 600 employees of the plant of the American Cereals Products company, known as the Chicago Glucose factory, will go back to work under union conditions, with union pay and hours. The trouble arose early in February when the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners organized the millwrights employed by the company and demanded 90 cents an hour. The company then locked out its men and closed its plants.

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## THE TILLMAN TRIAL

Two Witnesses Say Defendant Had Threatened to Kill Gonzales.

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 2.—The reading of editorials from the State was concluded shortly after the trial of James H. Tillman was resumed. F. C. Withers, an employee of the State, testified that he assisted N. G. Gonzales into the office of the State from the street after the shooting. He was asked if he saw any weapon in the garments of Mr. Gonzales at that time and replied that he did not.

C. J. Terrell, editor of a newspaper in Florence county, was asked by Solicitor Thurmond if he ever heard Tillman make any threats. He replied that he was walking along the streets of Edgewood with Colonel Tillman in the early summer of 1902, he thought it was, and that he (Tillman) said he was "going to run for governor and if Gonzales attacked him he was going down then and kill him, and I think he said like a dog."

Dr. C. L. Adams testified to a conversation he said he had with the defendant during the campaign in which he said he told Mr. Tillman that if he wished to be governor of South Carolina he would have to fight Gonzales, to which the defendant replied, "That won't do, because I am the best man governor and will be at peace."

The witness testified that Mr. Tillman made the further statement: "Ten boys need not worry. By —, I'll snuff his life with this" the witness adding, "pulling his pistol from his grip."

## Precautions For Cars' Safety.

Vienna, Oct. 3.—A dispatch from Mueratz, Styria, says the precautionary measures taken for the safety of the cars were largely extended. The special reason for this has not transpired, but fresh detachments of gendarmes have been ordered to the hunting district, where all movements of unauthorized persons are prohibited during the times the car and Emperor Francis Joseph are hunting. Special additional precautions have been taken to guard the spot occupied by the car during the chamois drives.

## Smuggled Chinamen Arrested.

New York, Oct. 3.—Fifteen Chinamen who, it is alleged, had been smuggled across the border from Canada were arrested when they arrived in Woonahawen. The federal authorities were notified of their arrest.

## The Alaskan Boundary.

London, Oct. 3.—Sir Edward Carson, the solicitor general, consumed the session of the Alaskan boundary commission in endeavoring to refute the arguments of David T. Watson and Francis Taylor of counsel for the United States.